(d) whether there have been any funds sanctioned for the two units, if so, to what extent; and

(e) what is the plan for re-opening of closed fertilizer factories in the rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the Government's decision to examine the feasibility of revival of the closed units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) subject to the confirmed availability of gas, various options for revival of the closed units including the Durgapur and Haldia Units are being examined. The details will be worked out once the proposals for revival of each individual units are finalized.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (a) to (c) above, question does not arise.

(e) The plan is as indicated at (a) and (b) above.

Control on life saving drugs

†804. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to bring life saving drugs under its control; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the names of drugs which are being considered for inclusion in the list of life saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the directions of the Supreme Court it has been proposed in the draft National Pharmaceuticals Policy-2006 that basket of drugs for price control would be the essential medicines as contained in the National List of Essential Medicines, 2003 (NLEM 2003) (subject to certain exemptions) in addition to the 74 bulk drugs which are at present under price control under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995.

Details of medicines in NLEM,2003 is available at website www.cdsco.nic.in

Shortage of fertilizers

805. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of fertilizers in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production of fertilizers in the country has gone down following closure of some plants; and

(d) the steps Government has taken to address the problem?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.